

PROBING PIPER'S LIFE

Matrimonial Experiences Under Searchlight.
Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 19.—Miss Freida Weichman came to her death by violence, according to three physicians who today examined the body of the girl, because of whose death Milo H. Piper, of this city, is held here on a murder charge.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 15.—The matrimonial experiences of Milo J. Piper, local insurance man accused of having murdered Freda Weidman, Chicago bookkeeper, after a automobile trip lasting several months in 1916, still were being investigated by the police here today.

Interest in the accused man's past life was stimulated late yesterday when it was established by statements from him and his present wife, according to Sheriff Carl Stauffer, that in 1903 he was married at Benton harbor to Mildred Goodenough, a 15-year-old school girl. After a divorce two years later

the girl, using the name of Marie Grey, conducted a matrimonial agency at Chicago. Court records there show that she was in 1905 of unlawful carnal knowledge of a married man, the mails to fraud, and sent to federal prison, and later pardoned. Letters which Philip Weichman, a private investigator, the automobile in which he admits making with Miss Weichman, are being sought by the police today. The authorities, disappeared from her trunk after she found her little son playing with them.

During his statement, he knows nothing of Miss Weichman's death and that his name was used on a "John Sheldon" in marrying the girl at Chicago.

He refused to discuss the murder case against him.

Sheriff Stauffer has admitted that the man charged by the authorities against Piper thus far is purely circumstantial. Piper's identification as a man who was married to Miss Wrenshaw, he added, has not been legally established.

WANTS TO KNOW TRUTH

Lodge Introduces Resolution as to Proposed Destruction of Ships.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary of State Lansing was asked to inform the senate, in a resolution by Senator Lodge this afternoon, whether the proposition that the American peace delegates are advocating the destruction of the warships surrendered to the allies is correct.

"If so," the resolution asks, "by what authority are the delegates to the peace conference demanding the destruction of enemy property in part surrendered to the United States?"

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